GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2692
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2004
DERAILMENT OF GOODS TRAIN
Singh Shri Prabhunath

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been a couple of derailments of goods trains from and to Old Faridabad railway station in October, 2004;

(b) if so, the reasons attributed for the derailments of the goods trains;

(c) whether any study has been conducted by the Government to identify the weaknesses in the tracks and their capacity to carry the load of the goods trains and whether the tracks increase the possibility of derailments and serious accidents;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures have been taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2692 ASKED BY SHRI PRABHUNATH SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.12.2004 REGARDING DERAILMENT OF GOODS TRAIN.

(a) & (b): There was one derailment of goods train at Faridabad Town Station on 13.10.2004 due to defect in a wagon. However, another derailment of goods train took place on 09.10.2004 between Palwal and Asaoti stations near Faridabad due to track defect.

(c)&(d): The track structure is provided as per the expected type of traffic and speeds are permitted accordingly after due care and study, with a view to ensure safety of train running.

Towards this objective, repair and maintenance of Railway track is an on-going process. Maintenance works are carried out regularly depending upon the need. For ensuring safety of traffic, track is inspected regularly and corrective action taken promptly wherever required. Speed restrictions are also imposed for ensuring safety, if the situation so warrants. Track renewals are also under taken depending upon the need of renewal and availability of funds.

(e): Safety is the prime concern on Indian Railways and all possible steps are taken to strengthen the track. These measures include monitoring of track geometry and running characteristics of track, sophisticated track recording cars and oscilliograph cars, upgradation of track structure, mechanized maintenance of track, upgradation of specification of rail steel, training to railway staff to upgrade their knowledge, use of Ultrasonic Flaw Detector, to detect hidden flaws in the rail regular inspection of track and patrolling of track by gangmen.